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4 A data sharing methodology and structure for communication between users  
5 of digital Internet-accessible devices, such as set-top boxes, is described.  
6 Users of Internet-accessible devices can establish connections between  
7 trusted users of other Internet-accessible devices and transfer personal  
8 information using either the Internet or the public switched telephone network  
9 (PSTN). Some examples of the type of information that may be transferred  
10 include IP addresses, e-mail, multimedia objects, and voice data. Once  
11 personal identification information has been exchanged, future  
12 communications may be easily re-established and maintained.